

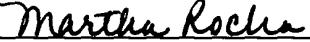
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREPARING TISSUE SAMPLES FOR HISTOLOGICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

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X 1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having 27 pages.

X 2. 5 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (X formal / _ informal) comprising Figures 1 through 7.

_ 3. Declaration and executed Power of Attorney (_ signed _ unsigned).

_ 3A. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).

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1. Request For filing a National Patent Application (4 pages);
2. Specification, claims and Abstract (27 pages);
3. Five (5) sheets of formal drawings;
4. Confirmation Postcard.

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